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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

HASHIMOTO ET AL.

Examiner

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because

- a. Fig. 1,2,11,15 and 16 all make reference to a "short cord generating unit".

Examiner takes into consideration that this should be "short code generating unit".

A proposed drawing correction or corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

- a. Pg. 4, line 15, applicant uses the phrase "a delay profiles". Examiner suggests using the phrase "a delay profile" for clarification purposes".
- b. Pg. 4, line 19, applicant uses the phrase "from the maximum from the delay". Examiner suggests deleting the second occurrence of "from the" for clarification purposes.
- c. Pg. 4, line 22, applicant uses the phrase "peculiar the base station". Examiner suggests "peculiar to the base station" for clarification purposes.
- d. Pg. 7, line 10, applicant uses the phrase "to an despreding". Examiner suggests using "to a dispreding " for clarification purposes".
- e. Pg. 8, line 17, examiner suggests deleting the "#0" for clarification

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purposes.

f. Pg. 15, line 19, applicant uses the phrase "outputting selected long code". Examiner suggests using "outputting of selected long code" for clarification purposes.

g. Pg. 16, line 8, applicant uses the phrase "outputting selected long code". Examiner suggests using "outputting of selected long code" for clarification purposes.

h. Pg. 18, line 24, examiner suggests using "algorithm" instead of "algorism" for clarification purposes. Applicant uses this word throughout the disclosure. Examiner suggests applicant correct all instances.

i. Pg. 26, line 4, examiner suggests re-writing this line for clarification purposes.

j. Pg. 27, line 16, applicant uses the phrase "period of a chips". Examiner suggests using "period of a chip" for clarification purposes.

k. Pg. 28, line 4, examiner suggests re-writing this line for clarification purposes.

l. Pg. 39, line 19, applicant makes reference to Fig. 15. However, the figure referenced are not in this figure, they are in Fig. 11. Examiner suggests changing Fig. 15 to Fig. 11 for clarification purposes.

m. Pg. 40, line 16, examiner suggest deleting the word "that" for clarification purposes.

n. Pg. 41, line 11-18, examiner suggests re-writing these lines for clarification purposes.

o. Pg. 42, line 3, examiner suggests deleting "of" for clarification purposes.

p. Pg. 49, line 17-19, examiner suggest re-writing these lines for clarification purposes.

q. Pg. 52, line 10, examiner suggests deleting the word "of" for clarification purposes.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Higuchi et al (US Patent 6,167,037).

(1) With regard to claim 1, Higuchi discloses a CDMA base-band receiver comprising: a first correlating unit which calculates first correlation values from a spread modulation signal and a short code which is common to base stations (col. 2, line 26, col. 4, line1, col. 11, lines 33-35); a long code phase candidate outputting section which outputs selected long code phase candidates corresponding to ones selected from said first correlation values, based on said spread modulation signal, and determined long codes, said selected long code phase candidates being other than long code phase

candidates for known ones of said base stations (col. 18, lines 25-33); and a long code determining section which generates said determined long codes for unknown ones of said base stations from said spread modulation signal, said short code, and long codes generated based on said selected long code phase candidates, each long code being peculiar to one base station (Fig. 7, col. 18, lines 26-44).

(2) With regard to claim 2, claim 2 inherits all the limitations of claim 1. Higuchi et al. further discloses wherein said correlation values corresponding to said selected long code phase candidates are larger than a first predetermined threshold value (col. 18, lines 47-50).

(3) With regard to claim 3, claim 3 inherits all the limitations of claim 1. Furthermore, Higuchi et al. discloses in (Fig. 7) wherein said long code phase candidate outputting section further outputs correlation peak phases corresponding to selected ones for a first predetermined number of second correlation values for said known base stations (col. 18, lines 19-33).

(4) With regard to claim 4, claim inherits all the limitations of claim 1. Furthermore, Higuchi et al. discloses wherein said long code phase candidate outputting section includes a maximum correlation peak phase detecting unit which detects and holding as long code phase candidates, peak phases corresponding to said first correlation values for a second predetermined number from a maximum one of said first correlation values and higher than a second predetermined threshold value (Figs. 7, 9, col. 11, lines 31-48); spreading code generating units which generate spreading codes from said short code and said determined long codes, respectively (Fig. 7); delay

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profile generating units which generate delay profiles for said known base stations based on said generated spreading codes, respectively (Fig. 12); and a phase detecting unit which removes long code phase candidates corresponding to peak phases for said generated delay profiles from said held long code phase candidates, and outputs the remaining long code phase candidates as said selected long code phase candidates to said long code determining section (Figs. 7,17, col. 19, lines 10-33).

(5) With regard to claim 5, claim 5 inherits all the limitations of claims 1 and 4. Higuchi et al. further discloses a peak phase storage memory (col. 18, line 67, col. 19, line 1); a phase detecting unit which detects ones higher than a third predetermined threshold value from among third correlation values calculated from said generated delay profiles and stores peak phases corresponding to said detected third correlation value in said peak phase storage memory (Fig. 12); a maximum correlation peak phase detecting unit which compares a second predetermined threshold value and each of said first correlation values, detects peak phases corresponding to ones for a second predetermined number from a maximum one of said first correlation values larger than said second predetermined threshold value, compares each of said detected peak phase and said stored peak phases in said peak phases storage memory to remove said stored peak phases from said detected peak phases, and outputs remaining peak phases as said selected long code phase candidates to said long code determining section (col. 7,8,12).

(6) With regard to claim 6, claim 6 inherits all the limitations of claim 5. Higuchi et al. further discloses in (Fig. 11 (S4500)) wherein said long code phase candidate

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outputting section further includes: a path detecting unit which outputs said stored peak phases for said known base station.

(7) With regard to claim 7, claim 7 inherits all the limitations of claims 1 and 5. Higuchi et al. further discloses in (Fig. 17) a correlation value storage memory which stores said first correlation values; a mask setting and storing section which stores peak phases corresponding to said detected third correlation values and sets ones corresponding to stored peak phases of said first correlation values stored in said correlation value storage memory to lower values than a second predetermined threshold value (Figs. 1,2,5, col. 10, lines 17-26).

(8) With regard to claim 8, claim 8 inherits all the limitations of claims 6 and 7.

(9) With regard to claim 9, claim 9 inherits all the limitation of claim 1.

(10) With regard to claim 10, claim 10 inherits all the limitation of claims 9 and 2.

(11) With regard to claim 11, claim 11 inherits all the limitation of claims 9 and 3.

(12) With regard to claim 12, claim 12 inherits all the limitation of claims 9 and 4.

(13) With regard to claim 13, claim 13 inherits all the limitation of claims 9 and 5.

(14) With regard to claim 14, claim 14 inherits all the limitation of claim 13 and 6.

(15) With regard to claim 15, claim 15 inherits all the limitation of claims 9 and 7.

(16) With regard to claim 16, claim 16 inherits all the limitation of claims 15 and 8.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cicely Ware whose telephone number is 703-305-8326. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 703-305-4714. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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